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Question:

(VMP) Referring to Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, page 7. Provide support for the claim hazard trees are responsible for approximately 76% of tree failure-related customer outages experienced across the operating year.

Response:

From January 6, 2023 through April 20, 2026, the Company's Connecticut licensed and trained Arborists performed 1,229 outage investigations pertaining to customer interruptions on blue sky or non-storm days. Of the 1,229 outage investigations, 686 were caused by whole-tree failure and, of that number, a total of 522 (76%) of these instances were determined to be caused by hazard trees.